

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY

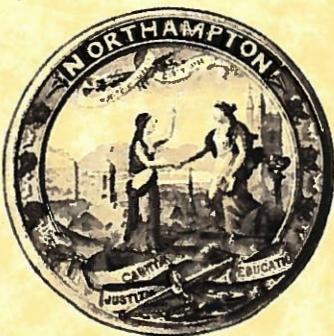
Friday, May 7, 2021

- WHEREAS,** within days of the Northampton Schools' COVID 19-related closure, the Food Service Department had established an emergency meal program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Northampton Public School Transportation Department supported this effort by delivering meals to community-based distribution sites; and
- WHEREAS,** the Northampton School District's *Outreach Social Workers* regularly delivered emergency meals to families who could not bring their children to the distribution sites due to transportation issues or other barriers; and
- WHEREAS,** local restaurants and businesses including Belly of the Beast, Haymarket Café, Grow Food-Northampton, Quarters, and River Valley Community Coop partnered with the Northampton School Department; and
- WHEREAS,** even while resuming traditional breakfast and lunch programs in the district as schools have reopened, the Food Service Department has continued to implement a community-based emergency meal program to ensure that students learning remotely continue to receive nutritious meals; and
- WHEREAS,** the Food Service Department served more than 280,000 emergency meals from March 2020 through April 2021; and
- NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim May 7th, 2021 to be:

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in the City of Northampton. The Northampton School District expresses its deep appreciation to these valuable employees and commends their good work on behalf of children.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton, this 7th day of May, 2021.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Narkewicz'.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz